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To: CALIFORNIA CITIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING CalGRIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is pleased to announce the impending release of a Request-For-Application (RFA) and three Requests-For-Proposals (RFP's) for the Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (GRIP) Program. OES anticipates releasing the non-competitive RFA and the three competitive RFP's during October, 2007.

These funding opportunities are a result of Governor Schwarzenegger's California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Initiative, which resulted in part in the appropriation of \$9,500,000 in the State Budget for this year. Of that amount, 3% is allocated to OES for administrative support of the GRIP Program.

The purpose of the GRIP Program is to provide grants to cities and community-based organizations for gang prevention, intervention, reentry, education, job training and skills development, family and community services, and suppression activities.

The RFA will noncompetitively establish a grant with the City of Los Angeles, as specified by the State Budget.

The first RFP will competitively distribute \$963,900 to cities with heavy gang concentrations in the Bay Area, and will competitively distribute \$963,900 to cities with heavy gang concentrations in the Central Valley.

The second RFP will distribute a total of \$4,323,300 to cities throughout California to address gang problems in their communities. No grant shall exceed \$500,000 and at least two grants will be awarded to cities with populations of 200,000 or less.

Preference will be given in both of these RFP processes to applicants that incorporate regional approaches to anti-gang activities. Each city selected for funding through this RFP process, as well as through the RFA process, must collaborate and coordinate with area jurisdictions and agencies, including the existing county juvenile justice coordination council, with the goal of reducing gang activity in the city and adjacent areas.

Each city grantee must establish a coordinating and advisory council to prioritize the use of the funds. Membership must include:

- City officials;
- Local law enforcement including the county sheriff, chief probation officer, and district attorney;
- Local educational agencies, including school districts and the county office of Education; and
- Community-based organizations.

The third RFP will competitively distribute a total of \$2,000,000 to Community-Based Organizations throughout California to test different approaches designed to reduce gang activities in communities and neighborhoods. No grant shall exceed \$200,000.

All of these funding opportunities require a dollar-for-dollar match of the funds requested. The grant period will begin January 1, 2008. Applicants are precluded from receiving more than one grant under the Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program.

Applicants for all three RFP's will also receive preference for targeting established Enterprise Zones in accordance with California Government Code Section 7082. Applicants that target an Enterprise Zone for grant activities may receive an additional five percent of the total points possible in the rating process. Applicants may receive an additional two percent of the total points possible in the rating process if their target area includes an Enterprise Zone, but does not specifically target the Enterprise Zone for services. Information concerning Enterprise Zones may be obtained from the California Department of Housing and Community Development at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/cdbg/ez/>, or (916) 322-1115.

These RFP's and the RFA will be made available electronically as soon as possible on the OES website at www.oes.ca.gov, and may be found under the links for Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division/RFP Funding Information. However, applicants need not wait for the RFP and RFA in order to begin preparations for their proposals. There are several steps that applicants should take now.

1. Applicants can begin defining the target area to be addressed by the proposal.
2. Applicants can gather important data concerning the target area, such as the geographical description, the population and demographics, the crime rate, the number of gangs, statistics on gang related offenses, and any other data demonstrating the gang problem.
3. Applicants can identify other agencies to be included as partners in the project and lay the foundation for an operational agreement with those partners. This is particularly applicable to city applicants, which are required to collaborate and coordinate with area jurisdictions, and are required to form a coordinating and advisory council to prioritize the use of the funds.

4. Applicants can begin developing ideas for the proposal, and can initiate discussions with partners. Applicants should plan to prepare a proposal that:
 - Demonstrates the needs of the community in addressing the gang problem.
 - Presents a plan to address those needs.
 - Demonstrates the ability of the applicant to implement that plan;
 - Provides support for the plan with the funds requested and applicable match reflected in a line-item budget.
5. Applicants can begin reviewing OES grants procedures in the OES 2006 Recipient Handbook available through the OES website at www.oes.ca.gov, under the links for the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division/Recipient Handbook.

An email notification will be distributed announcing the availability of these RFPs and RFA once they have been posted to the OES website. The City of Los Angeles will be contacted separately concerning the RFA.

Questions concerning the GRIP Program may be directed to Kirby Everhart, Chief, Gangs and Crime Suppression Branch at (916) 327-3687, or via email to kirby.everhart@oes.ca.gov.

Applicants may request a hard copy of the RFP or RFA. However, these documents are designed to be interactive electronically, and a hard copy will not have the same level of functionality. A hard copy may be requested by mailing two self-addressed mailing labels to:

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If you have any questions concerning the availability of the RFP or RFA, or are interested in receiving the email notification, please send an email to catherine.perkins@oes.ca.gov, or you may contact Catherine at (916) 324-6724.

Sincerely,

Original Signature on File

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